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FOR SAM BROWN

1. WHILE IN GENEVA FOR 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, PETER BOURNE MET WITH HIKMAT NABULSI, DIRECTOR OF UNVP. BOURNE RAISED ISSUES MENTIONED IN BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED BY ACTION. NABULSI ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE SOME PROBLEMS IN THE AREAS MENTIONED BUT BELIEVED THEY COULD BE OVERCOME WITH AN INCREASE IN VOLUNTEERS AND RESOURCES. HE LOOKS FOR REINVIGORATION OF THE WHOLE PROGRAM AND WOULD WELCOME MORE AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS, NOTING THAT EVEN THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERS. BOURNE STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

2. REGARDING RESOURCES, NABULSI ASKED THE STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE \$350,000 LIMITATION OF \$1,000,000 AND MENTIONED THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE \$350,000 APPROPRIATED FOR THIS YEAR. BOURNE PROMISED TO CHECK ON BOTH THESE QUESTIONS AND GET BACK TO HIM.

3. BOURNE STATEMENT TO GOVERNING COUNCIL CONTAINS FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

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"WE AGREE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. IT HAS EXCEPTIONAL POTENTIAL, WHICH WE FEEL HAS NOT BEEN FULLY REALIZED. WE BELIEVE WAYS TO SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE EXAMINED."

4. IN THEIR OPENING STATEMENT, IRANIAN DELEGATION NOTED 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UNVP AND PLEDGED CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000. ACCORDING TO NABULSI, THIS WAS A RESULT OF PRESSURE HE HAD EXERTED.

5. WE ARE WORKING WITH IRANIANS TO COSPONSOR A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND A STUDY ON MEANS OF STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING UNVP. ANY SUGGESTIONS ON LANGUAGE AND TACTICS SHOULD BE CABLED STIBRAVY, UNDP DELEGATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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